

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub C1  
B1  
rest of isomalt or isomalt mixtures  
Claim 23 (amended)

A granulated [isomalt] additive for providing crunch to a chewing gum, wherein said crunch providing additive consists essentially of isomalt, said isomalt additive prepared by a process wherein isomalt is heated at a temperature of above 130°C, cooled to form a solid isomalt product and granulated to a particle size greater than 50 mesh. m.c.

Sub C2  
B2  
isomalt mixtures  
Claim 32 (amended)

A process for the preparation of a granulated [isomalt] additive for providing crunch to a chewing gum, wherein said crunch providing additive consists essentially of isomalt, said process comprising: *do not include the components in proc*

- heating isomalt at a temperature of 130°C or higher;
- cooling to form a solid;
- granulating said solid to a particle size greater than 50 mesh.